

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

GREGORY CLOUTHIER, et al.,

No. C-06-3893 MMC

Plaintiffs,

**ORDER DENYING STIPULATION RE:  
PLAINTIFFS' OPPOSITION TO  
MOTIONS FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT**

v.

COUNTY OF CONTRA COSTA, et al.,

Defendants.

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Before the Court is the parties' stipulation, filed June 28, 2007, proposing that plaintiffs be permitted to file a single 60-page memorandum in opposition to defendants' motions for summary judgment. Although defendants, on June 22, 2007, filed five motions for summary judgment – a separate motion on behalf of each defendant – the memoranda in support of those motions contain a great deal of duplicative material. Indeed, the total number of pages of non-duplicative material filed in support of the five motions does not exceed 30 pages.<sup>1</sup> Consequently, plaintiffs have not demonstrated a need to file an

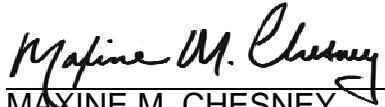
<sup>1</sup> As four defendants are represented by one set of counsel, and the fifth defendant is represented by separate counsel, the Court finds the filing of a total of 30 pages of briefing is not in violation of Civil Local Rule 7-2(b), which provides that a motion not exceed 25 pages in length. See Civil L.R. 7-2(b). In light of the amount of duplicative briefing, however, it would have been preferable if the four defendants who share the same counsel had filed a single motion for summary judgment of no more than 25 pages in length.

1 opposition memorandum of 60 pages in length.

2 Accordingly, the parties' stipulation is hereby DENIED, and plaintiffs shall file a  
3 single opposition of no more than 30 pages in length to defendants' motions for summary  
4 judgment.

5 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

6 Dated: July 2, 2007

  
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MAXINE M. CHESNEY  
United States District Judge